

## Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

Our children have had a wonderful week visiting the Travelling Book Fair. The fair is located next door to my office so I have seen and heard the excitement first hand! The children have enjoyed choosing their books and I hope that you also enjoy sharing these books with them at home. All funds raised by the school from this fair will go towards buying new books for the children in class and for our library.

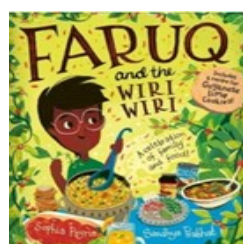
Children in Year 5 have been enjoying the Bike Ability Course this week and as always have demonstrated what GRAND children they are whilst outside of school perfecting their cycling techniques.

You will see a new date for the diary for all our parents is the parent forum which this term is Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions that you would like to ask there is an opportunity to submit this via the questionnaire in advance. For new parents the topics which are discussed are general questions and we ask that any specific child related questions are directed to your child's class teacher.



October 1st marks the start of Black History Month. The theme for this year's Black History Month is, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," While we continue to embed Black History throughout our curriculum, we feel it is really important to celebrate Black History month and amplify different voices. More information can be found here: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

This month can you take a look at your own child's bookshelves to see how many books you have by Black, Asian or minority ethnic writers. If you have a younger child, how many of their books feature a main character who is not white? Have this front of mind when you next buy books or borrow from your local library. Could you try any of these books?



<https://www.penguin.co.uk/about/social-impact/lit-in-colour/parents-and-supporters>

**AUTUMN TERM PARENT FORUM**

Wednesday 12th November @ 9am

Please see the attached poster for details of the upcoming Parent Forum. If you have any questions you would like answered please submit them via the below link:

[Please submit your questions here](#)

**Weekly House Points**

Here are this weeks house points. Well done to Kew.

Kew	119
Claremont	112
Norbury	109
Painshill	102
Wisley	96
Richmond	81

[What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Youth Violence](#)

Youth violence impacts 1 in 4 children and young people in the UK, yet many parents and educators feel unsure how to respond. This guide breaks down the causes, risks and warning signs of violent behaviour in young people, helping adults feel more confident in supporting those at risk.

Drawing on expert insights from the Ben Kinsella Trust, it explores why some young people may carry weapons, how violence is influenced by online content, and what time and locations pose the greatest risk. It also highlights the importance of early intervention, emotional support, and honest conversations.



**Spotlight on attendance**

Congratulations to **3FB** who have had the highest attendance this week (100%).

**PARENT/CARER & TEACHER MEETINGS:**

This Autumn's parent/carer teacher consultations will be taking place on :

**Thursday 6th & Friday 7th November**

The Nursery will be closed all day on Friday 7th and the rest of the school will close after lunch. After school club will close at 5pm.

Extra curricular clubs **WILL NOT RUN** on Friday, 7th November.

Further information and how to book your appointment will be shared w/c13th October.

Dates for your Diary		
Mon, 29th Sept	YR 5	YR 5 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Tues, 30th Sept	YR 4	Year 4 visit—Richmond Park
Weds, 1st Oct	YR 3-6	Author visit—Dermot O’Leary
Weds, 1st Oct	YR 3	YR 3 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Thurs, 2nd Oct	YR 1	YR 1 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Mon, 6th Oct	YR 1&3	Science Dome Visit
Weds, 8th Oct	ALL	Bag 2 School—morning drop off
Fri, 10th Oct	ALL	Year 6 cake sale
Tues, 14th Oct	ALL	GASPA OGM
Fri, 17th Oct	ALL	Year 5 cake sale
Fri, 17th Oct	ALL	GASPA Bingo Night @7.30pm—Main Hall
Mon, 20th Oct	REC	Diwali Dance workshop
Thurs, 23rd Oct	YR 2	Tower of London visit
Thurs, 23rd Oct	REC/YR1	Reception & Year 1 Dress up day
Fri, 24th Oct	ALL	INSET DAY—School and Nursery Closed
Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct	ALL	HALF TERM
Mon, 3rd Nov	ALL	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 2
Weds, 5th Nov	ALL	School photos
Thurs, 6th Nov	ALL	Parent/carer teacher consultations (school closes at usual time)
Fri, 7th Nov	ALL	Parent/carer teacher consultations NURSERY CLOSED ALL DAY RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 SCHOOL—EARLY CLOSE
Tues, 11th Nov	R –6	Flu immunisations (details to follow shortly)
Weds, 12th Nov	ALL	Parent Forum @ 9am
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Sat, 29th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Fri, 19th Dec	ALL	Last day of Autumn Term